

Parker House will be razed

□ Sale of memorabilia will occur Friday and Saturday

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A wide range of items that were used in the most recent version of the Parker House Restaurant will be available for purchase later this week — as the new owners of the waterfront building plan to have it demolished in preparation for the Black Pearl on the Columbia restaurant.

The items for sale will include brass lanterns, solid oak tables, an Earthstone gas-fired pizza oven, four Sharp Aquos high definition TVs, 14 Micro point of sale terminals and several varieties of wood.

"I just don't want this to end up in the landfill,"

Russell Brent said Friday. "I want everything to be reclaimed."

Brent, the project manager, will serve as the general manager of the Black Pearl on the Columbia.

The sale of previously used goods will be held Friday, from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m., and Saturday, from 9 a.m. until most everything is sold, inside the former Parker House, 56 S. First St., Washougal.

Additional items available for purchase will include toilets, utensils, champagne flutes, double pane thermal insulated windows and curvy booth banquettes.

"I think they are cozy," Brent said. "They're just not going to fit my motif."

Demolition of the building is expected to occur in the next 30 to 60 days, and the new restaurant could open

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by February 2011.

His plans for the Black Pearl include "a Pacific Northwest feel, with redwoods, Camas rock, stone, barn wood and carpet and hardwood floors."

The new restaurant's main level is expected to include banquet rooms, a bar/lounge and casual dining with patio seating. The upper level will include a kitchen, fine dining and deck seating.

The Black Pearl on the Columbia LLC purchased the Parker House Restaurant for \$360,000 from Salah Inc., a partnership that included

Victor Espinoza. The 14,000-square-foot building and parking lot were sold for \$1.4 million.

Horse racing memorabilia owned by Espinoza — a jockey best known for his 2002 Kentucky Derby and Preakness Stakes wins on War Emblem — have been removed from the Parker House building, although several works of art related to horses and salmon remain available to purchase.

The sale is open to the public, and bulk discounts are available. For more information, email info@blackpearlonthecolumbia.com.